

BELMONT COUNTY

GENERAL LOCAL NEWS AND GOSSIP

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THE COMMON PLEAS.

The summer term of the Court of Common Pleas commenced on Tuesday. The Grand Jury made its report Thursday morning, finding one indictment for burglary, one for bigamy, one for shooting with intent to kill, one for robbing, one for horse stealing, two for selling liquor to be drank where sold, two for keeping places of public resort for the sale of liquor, and five for selling on Sunday. There were 422 cases on the docket at the commencement of the term. Five persons are confined in jail awaiting trial, three for murder, charged with murder; William Berkay and John Cox, burglary; Daniel Rees, bigamy; and John Moore on peace warrant.

The Weir case has been set down for trial July 5th. A jury was drawn to-day. It is given out, however, that when the time arrives for the trial of the case will be efficient, because of the absence of William Downing, a witness for the defense.

The term will close about the middle of July. The bar does not seem disposed to work during the hot weather, and there are indications that, notwithstanding the

THE FUGGERS TO JUDGE OKEY
is attracting much attention, especially among attorneys and others having business in the Common Pleas. It is known that Judge Okey desires to remain upon the bench another term, but his opponents claim that he is too slow and good-natured, and is physically unable to satisfactorily dispose of the business of this sub-division. The Judge is chosen by this county at large, and, of course, a reasonably satisfactory candidate will be elected. The Democratic convention will pull through. This county will be largely in the majority in the convention, but it is so torn up by the various factions that it will be unable to effect anything. When the Judge is opposed to the nomination of Okey, for the reason that the factions are, as a rule, more hostile to one another than to Judge Okey, the result will be the appearance of the struggle presents to disinterested outsiders. The Gazette is making a stubborn fight against Okey, and is making headway in arraying its partisans against him. The county is in a position promising to be a severe one, but the odds are against it.

Judge Okey has made a good Judge—a much better one than his most sanguine friends anticipated when he went upon the bench. He is honest and just man, and his re-election will not by any means be the greatest calamity that could befall our people.

Republicans hereabouts are generally rattled with the retirement of Senator McKim, but by no means are all of them so. Some of the best men in the event apparently given Mr. Secretary Blaine a thought that if the Republicans of New York or elsewhere must have a boss that that boss had better be Mr. McKim than Mr. Blaine. Mr. McKim is dictatorial, but his methods are bad, but nothing like the malignancy of the man who is to take the place of McKim at the Albany Hotel. It is Rock and Fort Smith job has controlled him. The same horrible influence will not suffer should Mr. Blaine need retire.

Indulgently, with characteristic modesty, he asked that the hands of the nominating State Republican Convention, delegates, no doubt, will cordially support Mr. Richards, of Steubenville, for Lieutenant Governor. Senator Richards is one of the ablest and most successful presiding officers either branch of the General Assembly has had in many years.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

closed a very successful term on Thursday, on which day examinations were held in all the rooms. In the evening the commencement exercises took place in school hall. The hall was densely crowded, and the exercises were very entertaining throughout. Two young persons were graduated. The diplomas were delivered to Mr. Dr. Kirkwood of Wooster University.

Mr. Elliott, principal of the high school, left Friday morning for his home in New York City. Superintendent Hitechock and wife left Tuesday morning for Montreal, the home of Mr. Hitechock's mother.

The valley of Wheeling creek is now probably the best unoccupied coal field in Ohio. From Bridgeport west fifteen miles or more, as good bituminous coal as is found anywhere, can be run out of the hills directly into the cars. The attention of coal operators is being attracted to these coal fields. Already heavy operators have been looking over the field northwest of here, and dickering with the land owners. Within a brief time, no doubt, mines will

pened at many points along the creek, and the population and wealth of that sector of the country largely increased.

RECELAIR.

John Leonsides—Decorations Day—General News.

Wiley & Wetherald added a new sight right home to their booth Saturday.

Lemonade and ice cream were taken to the National Saturday night by the wagon load.

A stroller has been stretched across Madison street at the National House, the better to point out to strangers the various points of the building.

The crowd Saturday both afternoon and evening at the Leonsides was in the best of humor. The roof was

The ceremony at the walks was kept well sprinkled, so that it was comfortable even in stairs.

There was considerable talk Saturday afternoon about the prizes as to who will win the prize for the most beautiful girl. From the variety opinions and those mentioned as the most beautiful it is evident that Bellaire has no one who can claim much precedence over her sisters; and from the fact there are many beautiful girls in the city it is probable that enough to cause much indecision of the judges. But perhaps it will not be a Bellaire lady at all. The name is to be announced at the ringing of the closing bell.

The procession Monday will form on Central Avenue, march around the Square to get fairly into line, then go to the cemetery and decorate the graves. This will make little marching and if you take their places early the sun will not be hot but just pleasant. The firemen try to meet on the Square at eight o'clock for review and inspection. The flags of the old regiments will be carried in the procession and the Loan Exposition will have a float with decorations relating to the war, will open free to all the old soldiers which will come.

CITY CLERK.

Teachers and others who were examined on the 21st have received their

Of all *Druggists* and *Mineral Water Dealers*,